GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1679
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DOUBLING AND ELECTRIFICATION OF LUCKNOW-HOWRAH LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of doubling and electrification of Lucknow-Gorakhpur-Chhapra-Muzzaffarpur-Howrah railway track;

(b) the target fixed for completion of said project; and (

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure punctuality of late running trains on the above route?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Unstarred Question No.1679 by Shri Prabhunath Singh, to be answered in Lok Sabha on 31.07.03 regarding doubling and electrification of Lucknow-Howrah Line.

(a): On Lucknow-Gorakhpur-Chhapra-Howrah route, double line already exists between Lucknow-Barabanki, Gonda-Jarwal Road, Muzaffarpur-Ramdayalunagar, Dholi-Muzaffarpur, Karpurigram-Barauni and Hathitah-Howrah.Further, patch doubling is in progress on Jarwal Road-Burhwal, Gorakhpur-Shahjanwa, Chhapra-Hajipur and Dholi-Karpurigram.

As regards electrification, there is no proposal to electrify this route. However, Barauni to Howrah is already electrified.

(b): No target has been fixed for completion of doubling of the entire line.

(c): The following steps are being taken by Indian railways to improve the punctuality of trains:

(i) To improve the punctuality of trains, a Coaching Operations Information System (COIS) has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2003-04.

(ii) Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all the three levels viz. Divisional, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board levels.

(iii) Punctuality drives are conducted from time to time.

(iv) Running of trains at maximum permissible speed subject to observance of safety limits and speed restrictions.

(v) Improvement in Time tabling to provide a clear path.

(vi) Improvement in standard of maintenance to reduce equipment failures.

(vii) Counselling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.

(viii) Liaison with State Government to tackle the law and order problems and miscreant activities.

(ix) By upgrading infrastructure, technology and system.